Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for merging first and second data associated with first and second DVD-Video zone directories respectively; the method comprising ~~the steps of~~:

identifying the registers used by at least one of the first and second data;

allocating use of the registers to at least one of the first and second data according to said identifying; and

creating data associated with video manager information (VMGI) of the DVD-video disc image data to accommodate at least one of the first and second DVD-Video zones.

2. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1 <u>further</u> comprising ~~the step of~~ collating the first and second data to produce DVD-Video data.

3. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in ~~any preceding~~ claim <u>1</u>, in which at least one of the first and second data comprises at least one of a Group of Picture, a Video Object, a Video Object Set, a Video Object Unit, a Cell, Program, Part_of_Title, Program Chain, Title, Navigation Pack, Video Pack, Audio Pack or DVD-Video disc image data.

4. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in ~~any preceding~~ claim <u>1</u> in which the step of creating comprises creating menu data of video manager menu data (video_ts.vob) to access at least one of the first and second data.

5. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in ~~any preceding~~ claim <u>1</u>, further comprising ~~the step of~~ establishing a backup copy of the data associated with the video manager information.

6. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 5 in which ~~the step of~~ establishing a backup copy of the data associated with the video manager information comprises ~~the step of~~ creating VMGI backup information (video_ts.bup).

7. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in ~~any preceding~~ claim 1 in which the first and second data were created using respective, different, authoring tools or by different authors using the same tool.

8. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in ~~any preceding~~ claim 1, further comprising, prior to ~~the step of~~ identifying, ~~the step of~~ determining whether or not at least one of the first and second data has associated copy protection.

9. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in ~~any preceding~~ claim 8 further comprising ~~the step of~~ creating the first data using a respective authoring tool and performing the steps of ~~any preceding claim~~ determining by using that respective authoring tool.

10. (Missing Claim)

11. (Currently Amended) A method for merging first and second video data (VTS), ~~(VTSs);~~ the method comprising ~~the steps of~~:
assessing potential use of a predeterminable resourceby at least one of the first and second video data;
allocating use of the predeterminable resource to at least one of the first and second video data according to the step of assessing;
collating the first and second video data to create DVD-Video data; and
creating data associated with video manager information (VMGI) of the DVD-Video data to accommodate at least one of the first and second video data.

12. (Original) A data processing method as claimed in claim 11, in which the predeterminable resource is at least one of GPRM registers, titles and part titles.

13. (Cancelled)

14. (Currently Amended) A data processing system comprising means to implement a method as claimed in ~~any preceding~~ claim 1.

15. (Cancelled)

16. (Currently Amended) A computer program comprising executable code to implement a method ~~or system~~ as claimed in ~~any preceding~~ claim 1.

17. (Currently Amended) A computer program product comprising storage storing a computer program as claimed in claim 16.